

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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Shortage of Fuel
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many power projects in the country are stranded because of non-availability of coal or less supply of coal as fuel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of such stranded power projects in the country, project and State-wise; and
- (d) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to function these stranded power projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): No power utility has reported being stranded due to non-availability or less supply of coal. However, non-availability of regular Fuel Supply Arrangements has been identified as a reason for stress among coal based power plants. For grant of regular coal linkages, Govt. of India has approved New coal allocation policy, 2017 for Power sector on 17.05.2017 viz. SHAKTI (Scheme for Harnessing and Allocating Koyala Transparently in India) under which inter-alia, coal is made available to Independent Power Producers (IPPs) against long-term Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) and medium-term PPAs to be concluded in future in a transparent bidding process.
